

**RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES**  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**The Spirit filled church – Acts 2**

Read Acts 2:1-3

1. What do you think the physical events that occurred in these verses were meant to signify to the apostles and the crowd? (See also Luke 3:16)
2. Study the collection of people that are mentioned in this crowd (vv. 9-10). What do we learn about the hearers and why do you think Luke gives such a detailed description?
3. Why do you think that God had them hear the message in their own language? (v4, 6, 11). What was this miracle?
4. How should we receive the Holy Spirit (see John 7:37-39; Rom 8:9; Eph 1:13-14).
5. In the face of mockery, Peter begins to explain how what people are seeing and hearing is the fulfilment of OT prophecy. Complete:

<b>Old Testament Prophecy</b>	<b>Joel 2:28-32 (see also Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Ezekiel 36:25-27)</b>	<b>Psalm 16:8-11</b>	<b>Psalm 110</b>
<b>What is anticipated?</b>			
<b>How fulfilled at Pentecost according to Acts 2?</b>			

6. In his sermon, Peter quotes David from Psalm 16:8-11 in vv. 25-28 and then Psalm 110:1 in vv. 34-35. What do we learn from these OT references?
7. In vv. 22-36, what does Peter assert about Jesus? Why was it impossible for death to keep its grip on Jesus?
8. How does Peter show the empowering witness of the Spirit in his preaching?
9. Describe how Peter contrasts Israel's treatment of Jesus with God's treatment of Jesus?
  1. Read Acts 2:38. How does God provide for our past and our present through Jesus Christ?
  2. What is the response of the crowd and what does Peter tell them to do? Pentecost is the first time the Spirit has been poured out upon all God's people. What is the subject of Peter's speech? What does this suggest a Spirit filled church will focus upon?
  3. A church filled with the spirit will focus upon the Lord Jesus in word and deed. Do you think we are a spirit filled church? Why / why not?